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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Earl H. Clark of Rock Island and Moline, who passed away on April 11, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark was born on December 21, 1920 in Beloit, Kansas; his parents were Earl Howard and Bess Prose Clark; he married Janet Goodjohn on December 20, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark spent his childhood in Hoisington, Kansas and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Kansas; during World War II, he served as a lieutenant junior grade in the Naval Reserve and a medical officer with the 1st Marine Division in northern China; and

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WHEREAS, Following the completion of his medical residency in 1951, Dr. Earl Clark joined Dr. John P. Burgess in the practice of pediatrics in Rock Island; he was later joined by Dr. Earl M. Stockdale, with whom he practiced for 30 years; they were joined by Dr. Christopher Moen and Dr. Thomas Herr, current senior members of Pediatric Group Associates; he retired from pediatric practice on January 1, 1987; his dedication to the practice of medicine was honored when he was chosen as King of Mardi Gras in 1983; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark was certified by the American Board  
2 of Pediatrics and was a member of the American Academy of  
3 Pediatrics; he was a member of the American Medical Association  
4 and the Illinois State Medical Association and a member and  
5 president of the Rock Island County Medical Association; and

6           WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark and his wife were members of the  
7 Broadway Presbyterian Church for over 50 years; he served as a  
8 deacon and elder; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark enjoyed spending time with his  
10 friends and family, traveling, gardening, golf, reading, and  
11 dining; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark was preceded in death by his wife,  
13 Janet; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Earl Clark is survived by his sons and  
15 daughters-in-law, John and Kathleen Clark and Howard and Jane  
16 Clark; his daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Timothy Patton; his  
17 grandchildren, John (Hemma) Clark, Mary (Ben) Dunlap, Annie  
18 (Matthew) Arnett, David Clark, Lucy Clark, Dr. Simon (Grace)  
19 Patton, Mary (Andrew) Lesh, Elizabeth (Francis) Defilippis,  
20 Andrew (Becca) Patton, and Paul Patton; his 15  
21 great-grandchildren; his nephew, P. Bartlett (Kathryn) Wu; and  
22 his great-nephew, Peter B. Wu; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
3 family and friends, mourn the passing of Dr. Earl H. Clark; and  
4 be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Dr. Earl Clark as an expression of  
7 our sympathy.